

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BANGUI 02196 131102Z

ACTION AF-04

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 EUR-08 OES-02 NSC-05 CIAE-00

INR-05 EB-04 SP-02 L-01 PRS-01 /047 W

-----090474 131222Z /23

R 130723Z OCT 77

FM AMEMBASSY BANGUI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9349

INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGUI 2196

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID

SUBJECT: RESULTS OF FRENCH COOPERATION MINISTER GALLEY'S VISIT
TO BANGUI

1. THE FRENCH MINISTER OF COOPERATION ROBERT GALLEY VISITED
BANGUI OCTOBER 2-7. ACCORDING TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR PICQUET,
THE VISIT WAS A CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS. GALLEY HAD TWO
MEETING WITH THE EMPEROR, OF WHICH ONE WAS ALONE AND A
LARGE BANQUET WAS GIVEN IN HIS HONOR BY BOKASSA. HE MET
IN SUBSTANTIVE SESSIONS WITH ALL KEY MINISTERS.

2. IN THE VARIOUS WORKING SESSIONS DURING HIS VISIT GALLEY
ADDRESSED OUTSTANDING AID ISSUES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES
ON A MINISTRY BY MINISTRY BASIS. A) PUBLIC WORKS: HE
REAFFIRMED THE FRENCH OFFER TO PROVIDE TWO LIGHT ROAD
MAINTENANCE UNITS AND THE NECESSAARY FUNDS FOR THE TRAINING
OF CENTRAL AFRICAN MAINTENANCE EXPERTS. HE WARNED, HOWEVER,
THAT THE GOCAE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT TRUCKS WERE
NOT OVERLOADED AND THAT RAIN BARRIERS WERE USED IF THE PRO-
GRAM WAS TO BE EFFECTIVE. B) HEALTH: THE GOCAE ASKED FOR
ASSISTANCE IN THE MODERNIZATION OF THE BANGUI HOSPITAL AND
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BANGUI 02196 131102Z

FOR AN INCREASE IN FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MEDICINES FROM
250 TO 300 MILLION CFA. GALLEL INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO
BE HELPFUL. HE ALSO ASKED THE GOCAE TO SPECIFY ITS PRIORITIES
AMONG THE VARIOUS ITEMS REQUESTED: A PEDIATRIC UNIT, A
RADIOLOGY UNIT, IMPROVED ELECTRICAL AND WATER FACILITIES, ETC.

C) TRANSPORTATION: GALLEY INFORMED THE GOCAE THAT THE

FRENCH WOULD PROVIDE A CREDIT OF 275 MILLION CFA FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT. IT WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE RIVER TRANSPORT COMPANY (ACCF) BUT HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE RECENT PROVISION OF SPARES FOR THE RIVER FLEET WAS A ONE-TIME EFFORT. HE ALSO ASKED THAT THE SENIOR STAFF OF ACCF BE GIVEN INDEPENDENT MANAGERIAL AUTHORITY. D) EDUCATION: GALLEY WAS ASKED IF FRANCE COULD PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 30 PROFESSORS. THE EDUCATION MINISTRY SUGGESTED THIS COULD PERHAPS BE ACCOMPLISHED BY A REDUCTION IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO OTHER MINISTRIES, SUCH AS FINANCE. GALLEY WAS NOT ENCOURAGING ALTHOUGH HE AGREED TO LOOK AT THE QUESTION. HE AGREED TO PROVIDE SOME ASSISTANCE TO THE NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION. E) COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY: THE MINISTER UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THAT MINISTRY.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE ABOVE TECHNICAL AREAS ARE ALL OF IMPORTANCE TO THE GOCAE, THE KEY QUESTION ON THE AGENDA WAS SPECIAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE CORONATION. AMBASSADOR PICQUET HAS TOLD ME THAT VICE PRIME MINISTER MAIDOU AND JUSTICE MINISTER POTOLOT HAVE BOTH VISITED PARIS IN RECENT WEEKS TO SEEK SUCH AID. MAIDOU SAW GALLEY AND POTOLOT PRESIDENT GISCARD. PICQUET HAS CONFIRMED THAT FRANCE WILL DO SOMETHING TO COVER CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES FOR THE OCTOBER-DECEMBER PERIOD AND HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WAS PRESSING FOR AN EARLY TRANSFER OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 BANGUI 02196 131102Z

FRENCH CONTRIBUTION. PICQUET SAID HE THOUGHT THAT THE FIGURE GALLEY OFFERED WAS SUBSTANTIALLY LESS THAN ASKED FOR (REPUTEDLY SEVERAL BILLION CFA), THOUGH PROBABLY MORE THAN BOKASSA EXPECTED.
QUAINTON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: VISITS, FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, CORONATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 13-Oct-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977BANGUI02196
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770373-0580
Format: TEL
From: BANGUI
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19771067/aaaacekc.tel
Line Count: 99
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 3b098c31-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 940994
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: RESULTS OF FRENCH COOPERATION MINISTER GALLEY'S VISIT TO BANGUI
TAGS: EAID, CT, FR, (GALLEY, ROBERT), (BOKASSA I)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/3b098c31-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009